

BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION MEETING

Minutes of September 6, 2017 Meeting

Present: Dick Peckham, John Nelson, Bob Nielsen, Frank Frazier, Jean Jones, Richard Zacher-Selectmen's Representative, and Bill Nelson-State Representative.

1. Meeting called to order at 6:02 P.M.

2. No Public comments.

3. Guest Speakers:

- A. Rich Zacher had invited Ken St Pierre – Fish and Game Officer and Karen Bordeaux – Fish and Game Biologist to discuss possible Small Grants from Fish and Game for the Town Preserve.

Ken discussed the possibility of a hiking trail off of the new Rail Trail to a wildlife viewing area on the Preserve.

Karen explained that when hunters buy their hunting stamps the money goes to establish grants for Wildlife Preservation. She provided a list of items that would qualify for a Grant and the steps necessary to obtain a Grant. A Grant is limited to no more than \$4000.00 per year and no more than \$10,000.00 will be granted over a 10 year period.

Karen also discussed the need for a Town Forest Plan.

Dick Peckham asked Karen about not mowing the hay field for the bobolinks. She advised that we should have someone from the Audubon determine if we had bobolinks first. She also advised that the 15 acres would only sustain 1 pair of birds.

Karen agreed to walk the property with the selectmen and CC members to help determine the possibilities for a Grant.

It was a good discussion and gave the CC several ideas for the Town Preserve.

4. Minutes of July 5, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Frank Frazier made a motion to Approve. Bob Nielsen seconded. Motion passed.

5. Mail:

- A. Received bank statement from Meredith Village Savings. Interest \$.14. New Balance \$5221.08.

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- B. Received information from FEMA concerning a study they are doing on the Winnepesaukee Watershed. This did not include Brookfield.
- C. MMRG newsletter advised that Cheryl Giguere of Brookfield was named Volunteer of the Year.
- D. Received Greenway Gazette which discussed MMRG Roll Out Conservation Plan.
- E. Received Great Bay Matters flyer advising of their 47th Annual meeting of NH Association of CC on Saturday November 4, 2017.

6. Old Business:

- A. Rich Zacher advised that he had discussed the location of the Town Preserve parking lot and location of a kiosk on Lyford Road with Ed Nasson. Ed has requested that Rich show him exactly where he would like to sign placed. Rich advised that he will work with Ed on this issue.
- B. The Selectmen have accepted the resignation of Tom Hill and approved the appointment of Frank Frazier to the CC.
- C. Bob Nielsen discussed the MMRG Priorities Plan that he and Dick Peckham attended on 7/18/17. Bob advised that it was a very good meeting with lots of information and a good overlay map.
- D. Frank Frazier advised that he had talked to Marilou MacLean of the Heritage Commission about putting together information on the history of the Town Preserve land. She advised that she would be happy to work on it when she finishes another project.
- E. The birdhouse project was discussed and will be addressed in the Spring.

7. New Business:

- A. Frank Frazier advised that the dedication of the new Rail Trail will be Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 10:15 A.M. at Cotton Valley RR Station.
- B. John Nelson discussed the fact that the Emerald Ash Borer is very close to if not in Brookfield. Brochures are available at the Town Offices on the Emerald Ash Borer.

8. Selectmen's Report:

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A. Rich Zacher advised that there will be a Town Coffee Saturday, September 30, 2017.

B. Rich Zacher discussed the fire on Tumble Down Dick on Saturday.

9. Next Meeting: October 4, 2017.

10. Meeting closed at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Jones